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Applicant : R. M. Crooke et al.
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Title : ANTISENSE MODULATION OF ACYL COENZYME
A CHOLESTEROL ACYLTRANSFERASE-1
EXPRESSION

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 16, 2003. A Petition to Extend the Time for Response under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(1) for three months from October 16, 2003 to January 16, 2004 and the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) are filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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